

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 214 – HB 1452

February 9, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum pressure, from 15 pounds per square inch (psi) to 16 pounds psi, which a steam boiler located in a private residence or apartment house of less than 6 families can produce and be exempt from state inspection requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 68-122-110(a) requires that boilers used or proposed to be used in the state, except those boilers exempt in Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-105, are thoroughly inspected as to their construction, installation, condition, and operation.
- This legislation will increase the maximum pressure that steam boilers, under certain conditions, can produce without being subject to inspection under state law.
- The Board of Boiler Rules, under the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DLWD), is responsible for formulating definitions, rules, and regulations for the safe and proper construction, installation, repair, use, and operation of boilers in Tennessee.
- There are private and public boiler inspectors receive inspection fees for inspecting all boilers above 15 psi, as currently law requires.
- Such inspection fees are kept entirely by the inspector, the department receiving none.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-122-111, any boiler which, upon inspection, is found to be in compliance with the rules of the board, shall be issued an inspection certificate.
- With issuance of such certificate, there is a fee, that is paid to DLWD .
- The certificate fee for low pressure boilers may not exceed \$50 and such fee for high pressure boilers may not exceed \$80.
- According to DLWD, private inspectors do not send the department whole or part of an inspection fee.
- It is assumed that increasing this exemption threshold will have no impact on certificates fee revenue.
- Based on information from the department, this legislation will have no significant impact on the inspection operations of the department; therefore, there will be no significant impact on state government revenue or expenditures.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- It is assumed that increasing this exemption threshold will have no impact on the number of inspections performed by private or public boiler inspectors, as a 16 pounds psi boiler is uncommon; therefore, there will be no impact on business revenue to such inspectors.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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